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SUBJECT: BOMB THREAT AT EMBASSY JANUARY 12

REF: ROME 3204

1. REFTEL REPORTED EMBASSY'S VIEWS THAT DEPARTMENT EMBASSY OFFICER SHOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO TESTIFY IF NECESSARY AT THE TRIAL OF ITALIAN NATIONAL SUSPECTED OF BOMB THREAT HOAX. PRELIMINARILY, DEPARTMENT CONCURS IN EMBASSY VIEW THAT COOPERATION BY FURNISHING SUCH TESTIMONY WOULD BE DESIRABLE. EVERY EFFORT, THEREFORE, SHOULD BE MADE ON EMBASSY'S PART TO COOPERATE WITH ITALIAN AUTHORITIES IN PROSECUTION OF THE CASE IN VIEW INTERNATIONAL TERRORIST ASPECTS.

2. AS EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS, DEPARTMENT CANNOT AUTHORIZE SPECIFIC WAIVER OF IMMUNITY AT THIS TIME, BUT FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED, IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT SIGNIFICANT OBSTACLES TO A WAIVER OF IMMUNITY FOR TESTIMONY IF AND WHEN NECESSARY WOULD BE PRESENTED. WHILE USUAL PROCEDURE IS FOR EMBASSY OFFICERS TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS IN WRITING OR ANSWER BY WAY OF DEPOSITION OUTSIDE OF COURT WHERE SUCH EVIDENCE IS SUFFICIENT FOR USE IN THE LEGAL PROCEED-
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ING, IN A CASE OF THIS NATURE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT INSIST

UPON FOLLOWING THE PROCEDURE.

3. DEPARTMENT WISHES TO BE KEPT INFORMED OF SPECIFIC DEVELOPMENTS IN THIS CASE, PARTICULARLY ON THE ISSUE OF NEED TO EXECUTE A WAIVER OF DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY. RUSH

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